(d) what action Government propose to provide more security to people in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Delhi Police has intimated that despite the fact that there was no specific alert on bomb explosion, it had taken security precautions in the city on the eve of Diwali. The security arrangements were also reviewed in a meeting of all districts.

(c) One persons named Tariq Ahmed Dar, a resident of Srinagar, has so far been arrested. His interrogation has indicated that he was the main coordinator and facilitator of these blasts.

(d) The steps taken to strengthen security arrangements in the city include barricading and carrying out special check at the entry points of markets; checking of abandoned vehicles; checking and briefing of the staff of cyber cafe especially in market areas; briefing of managers and staff of hotels/guest houses to keep full details of guests and their luggage and number of vehicles by which they arrive to ensure installation of closed circuit television cameras at the entrance of the hotels; verification of tenants; briefing of auto dealers to keep full details of buyers of second hand vehicles; regular checking of STD/ISD/PCO booth owners/operators; checking of cellular phone and sim card vendors; checking of auto-stands and taxi-stands; meeting with Market Welfare Associations and Resident Welfare Associations; briefing of Metro Rail workers/staff; sensitisation of security personnel of high rise buildings, Government buildings; regular checking of sympathizers who have given shelter to the militants in the past and militants released on bail from jail etc.

Earthquake in Jammu and Kashmir

80. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons killed/seriously injured/injured as a result of recent earthquake in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the details of safety provided/being provided to the sufferers to protect from winter and snow;

(c) the details of the financial assistance being provided to the sufferers; and

(d) by when the safety arrangements for winter are expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As per the provisional figures received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 1336 persons have lost their lives and 6587 persons are reported to have been injured as a result of earthquake of 8th October, 2005 in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) to (d) The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has informed that they are taking necessary relief and rehabilitation measures in the affected areas which includes the provision of tents, temporary shelters, foodgrains, woolen clothes, untensils, etc. Financial assistance is also being provided for repair/reconstruction of damaged houses, *ex-gratia* to the families of deceased etc.

The State Government have accorded due priority to provide shelters to all the earthquake affected families, whose houses have been fully/severely damaged before the ensuing winter season.

The State Government has announced a financial assistance of Rs. 1.00 lakh to each of the affected families, whose houses were fully damaged, for the reconstruction of their damaged houses on their own. The distribution of the first instalment of 40% of the said amount *i.e.* Rs. 40,000/- to each such beneficiary had already started with effect from 19.10.2005.

Apart from above, the State Government has also decided to construct 22,000 Temporary Shelter Units (TSUs) (15,000 in Uri and 7,000 in Tangdhar) for those families whose houses have been fully damaged. Some of the these shelters for the hapless families are proposed to be constructed by the Government, while the remaining shelters are being constructed by the affected families themselves for which the State Government has decided to provide assistance of Rs. 30,000. The State Government has also announced an incentive of Rs. 5,000/- to those families who are able to construct TSUs before November 30, 2005. Engineers and masons have also been trained for assisting the people in the construction of earthquake proof houses/buildings.

The Government of India has provided all necessary financial and logistical support required by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. This includes the supply of tents, tarpaulin sheets, sleeping bags, mattresses, blankets, woolens, medicines etc. In addition, Government of India has also provided CGI sheets for construction of temporary shelters.

The Union Ministry of Urban Development has proposed to construct 130 Community Halls in 130 locations (Uri-66, Tangdhar-38 and Poonch-26). Each Community Hall has the capacity to accommodate 150-200 persons. The Ministry of Urban Development has also constructed Building Demonstration Centres at Uri and Tangdhar for disseminating knowledge on best construction practices in earthquake prone areas.

As a part of the overall rehabilitation efforts, various agencies of the Government of India have adopted 22 villages, wherein these agencies propose to construct shelters and provide other amenities to meet the short-term and long-term needs of the affected people. Technical guidance is also being provided for the construction of earthquake resistant structures.

Covering remote villages through non-conventional energy

81. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to cover all remote villages in the country through non-conventional energy within a period of five years;

(b) if so, the number to be covered in the first phase in the current year in Orissa and the progress achieved till October, 2005; and

(c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning 374 villages proposed by the State Government more than a year ago against the programme for the first phase?